

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 19, 22, 31, 49, 50 as follows:

Sub 1
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1. An address system comprising:
 means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a fee address associated with a mail recipient;
 means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
 means for collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;
 means for forwarding the information to a private address; and
 means for transferring the collected fees to a second account.

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19. An address system comprising:
 means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a fee address associated with a mail recipient;
 means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee is conditional;
 means for collecting the fee from the sender; and
 means for forwarding the information to a private address.

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22. A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:
 receiving information sent by a sender at a fee address in a computer, wherein the fee address is associated with a mail recipient;
 determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee increases as information size increases;
 collecting the fee from the sender; and
 forwarding the information to a private address.

sub B4
31. A programmed computer for providing a fee address system comprising:
a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and
a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:

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code to receive mail sent by a sender to a fee address associated with a mail recipient;
code to determine a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
code to collect the fee from the sender into a first account;
code to forward the mail to a private address; and code to transfer the collected fees to a second account.

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Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for providing a fee address system, comprising:

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code to receive a communication sent by a sender to a fee address associated with a mail recipient;
code to determine a fee for the communication, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
code to collect the fee; and
code to forward the communication to a private address.

50. A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:
receiving mail sent by a sender to a fee address in a computer wherein the fee address is associated with a mail recipient;
determining a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;
forwarding the mail to a private address; and
transferring the collected fee to a second account.